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PHIL IVERSEN
CSNA PRESIDENT



At The Threshold of the Future - 1997, Our Fiftieth Year of Numismatic Leadership

1997 rings in a happy new year, especially for all CSNA members. We celebrate a historic milestone this year...our 50th Anniversary! Not too many other organizations can claim this distinction. Numerous groups have disbanded for a variety of reasons before even half this period of time. Our longevity can be attributed to the great leadership over the past half century, plus the dedicated people who have contributed ideas, educational articles, exhibits, money, and good old fashioned hard work when it was needed. A few of our great accomplishments include the restoration of the "old" San Francisco Mint, a much desired and widely collected series of medals, plus our annual Educational Symposium.

Our organization retains its vitality in spite of other influences that affect our hobby. This is evident as we are preparing for three conventions this year.

The first convention, January 17th through 19th, is again in conjunction with the San Jose Coin Club. In addition to the regular events there will be the first of several auctions to dispose of material that CSNA feels should be in the hands of collectors. I hope to see spirited bidding and that you will be able to obtain something of interest for your collection.

The second convention - our 100th! - will be July 19 & 20 in conjunction with the Santa Barbara County Coin Club as mentioned in the last issue of Calcoin News. Here we plan to honor many of our members at a reception on Saturday, and I hope you will plan to be at this very special event.

Our third convention, August 29th through 31st is in Pasadena at the Golden State Coin Show. Another grouping of CSNA material will again be sold to members only.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at all of these events as it's going to be a very busy and exciting year.

My term as President is almost over and your new officers are well qualified to lead you at the beginning of CSNA's next fifty years. My gratitude is expressed to all of the officers, directors and staff who have worked with me during the past two years. I appreciate those individuals that volunteered to fill vacant positions. Thanks especially to our new librarian, plus everybody involved in making the American Numismatic Association's 1995 convention a great success.

My good friend, Gordon, in Seattle, was the catalyst that got me started in coin collecting. I can't thank him enough for the great adventure in numismatics this has brought me to over the many, many years.

Little did I imagine while searching through rolls of cents at the banks for hours on end that one day I would become President of the biggest and best state numismatic organization ... CSNA! This has been a very humbling experience for me and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support.

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*Astronomy, Astrology, Ancient Roman and Judean History,
Christmas, and Numismatics- What do they have in common?
The short answer is -*

Coins and Stars

by Rus Stolling

In ancient days, astronomy was merely the observation and measurement of the movement and positioning of celestial bodies - the sun, the moon, the five known planets, stars, and comets. The Greeks knew the earth was at least disk-like and possibly spherical because they had seen its round-edged shadow on the moon's face during eclipses. The Greek scientist Eratosthenes (276-194 BC) had suggested that the Earth moved around the sun and had closely estimated the circumference of the planet. Hipparchus (190-120 BC) developed trigonometry, computed the earth-to-moon distance, and developed a system for predicting sun and moon positions year-round. Yet astronomy was merely the tool of astrology.

Astrology was considered scientific doctrine. It was a part of high culture and was afforded both intellectual and fashionable respect. Astrology said that the movement and positioning of heavenly bodies not only predicted and guided mortal lives, but commemorated human endeavor as well. Pharaohs, emperors, and kings all had their astrological consultants, as did some wealthy citizens. Astrologers were a highly regarded professional class.

Stars, moons, suns, and comets have appeared on coins almost since the hammer first fell against the die. Roman coinage provides us with many examples of stars, moons, and comets on common metal and precious metal coins. In some cases the star is simply a symbol of the artist or mint where the coin was created, comparable to the designers initials and mintmarks on our coins today. In other cases the inclusion of astronomical objects is deliberate and conspicuous, often in commemoration of a significant event or person.

Julius and Augustus Caesar

Astrology was enjoying a period of high popularity in the days of the early Roman ceasars. Augustus put his natal astrological sign, Capricorn, the Sea Goat, holding the celestial sphere, on several of his bronze coins. A particular coin attributed to Augustus

juxtaposes the zodiacal Capricorn and a star on one side, and a scorpion (Scorpio) and star on the other.

It is supposed that the star on the Capricorn side is a reference to Augustus' "bright star" or "regal planet" in the sky at the time of his birth, possibly Jupiter. The Scorpion side is perhaps a tribute to his predecessor, Julius Caesar, born while the moon was visible in the constellation of Scorpio on July 13, 100 BC. The moon was believed in those days to mark the natal sign. Modern astrology puts the sun in the natal constellation.

It was first conjectured by W. v.Voight, imminent nineteenth century astrologer, that Scorpio was at the horizon at sunrise at Julius Caesar's birth, and at the horizon at sunset on the ides of March, the date of his assassination.

A look at the sky on these dates using Redshift, a NASA software based astronomical simulation computer program capable of re-creation of the skies as far back as 5000 BC, confirms the moon entering a rising Scorpio at about 3:15 PM on July 13, 100 BC, the date of Julius's birth. It also finds the constellation of Scorpio setting in the southwestern Roman sky at about 7:00 AM on March 15, 44 BC, the day of his assassination



A coin of the period of Augustus Caesar showing zodiacal symbols and stars on obverse and reverse.

Born with a horoscope predicting greatness and power, Julius Caesar lived and died by astrology. Until the astrologers put their ~~hex~~ on March 15th, the Ides was a day no different from the ~~others~~, except that it marked the middle of the month. But the star gazers had portended horrible events for the Ides of March, 44 BC. Knowing of the astrologers predictions of doom to Caesar, were the conspirators in his assassination moved to do the deed on the 15th instead of a day or two earlier or later?

A year after his death, during games honoring Caesar's memory, a comet appeared in the night sky and was visible for about a week. Typically a comet was perceived as an omen of impending evil, but this time astrologers assured the superstitious observers that the comet on this occasion was the deified spirit of Julius Caesar ascending to its rightful place among the stars.

Augustus commemorated Julius's comet on a coin twenty-five years later. On the reverse of a silver denarius, the comet of 43BC (also documented by Chinese astronomical records) is rendered as a very small circular device - a dot, really - with eight slender rays tapering outward, and the inscription "Divine Julius."



Augustus commemorated the comet of 43BC, believed to be the spirit of deified Julius Caesar ascending to the stars.

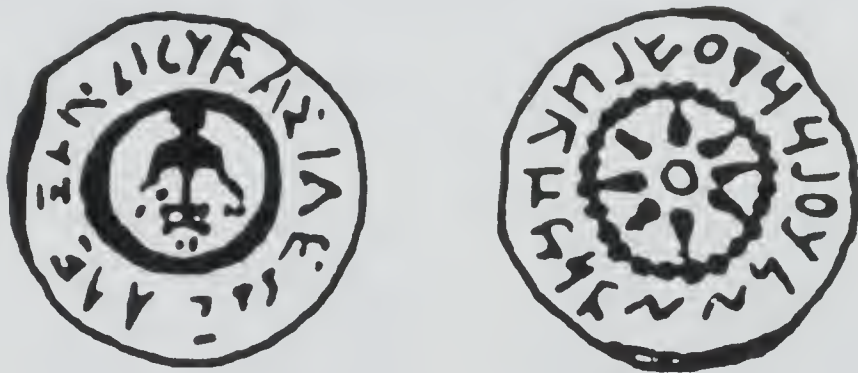
What appears to be a wig sweeps back from the top point of the star, a representation of hair flowing in the stellar breeze. As "comet" means "hairy star", this might have been the best the imaginations and the skills of the minters could do.

Stars On Judaeen Coins

Certain types of bronze prutah issued under Alexander Jannaeus, Hasmonean King from 103 to 76 BC, bear an eight pointed star surrounded by a border and an inscription. The inscription is in Greek, Aramaic, or Hebrew, depending on the type and year of issue, but all of the inscriptions translate to "Yehonatan the king" or "of King Alexander" or some variation of either. The star is said to be representative of either the sun or the morning star, both recognized as symbols or royalty or other high leadership.

Herod I, tenant of the Jewish throne from 40 BC to 4 BC by the grace of Rome under Augustus, released an 8-prutah bronze in the third year of his reign. The coin's obverse shows a tripod with a

ceremonial bowl and his inscription in Greek. The reverse depicts an 8-pointed star flanked by palm branches over a domed thymaterion, or incense burner. Again the star appears as a symbol rather than a commemoration. Any astrological connection, if any, is yet to be put forth. It is likely that there is none, as while the Jews were knowledgeable concerning astrology, their religion forbade its practice.



Prutah of Alexander Jannaeus with 8- pointed star on reverse.



8-prutah of Herod I, Jewish ruler from 40 BC to 4 BC

Some of the most beautiful Judaeen coins ever issued are those struck during the second revolt against Rome, the Bar Kochba war, a fierce five year struggle by Jewish patriots to throw off the Roman imperial mantle and re-establish Jewish sovereignty. The coins, struck over the filed planchets of earlier tetradrachms of Tyre and Antioch, depict worship implements, musical instruments, and traditional agricultural symbols such as the date palm, ear of barley, bunch of grapes or a vine leaf. Most bear patriotic inscriptions such as "For the Freedom of Jerusalem", "Jerusalem

the Holy” or simply “Jerusalem,” and a date measured from the commencement of the revolt - i.e. Year 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

Silver tetradrachms, or shequels, from the second and third year of the revolt (AD 133 to 135) show a star above a four-columned structure, believed to be the facade of the Temple destroyed by the Romans in the first revolt (66-70 BC). The Ark of the Covenant is depicted between the second and third pillars.

On the “Year 2” coin the star is cross-like with only four arms. On later coins, the star is a circular device radiating eight short, tapering, pointed arms.



Obverses of Bar Kochba Coins, Years 2 & 3

The star on the Bar Kochba coins may be symbolic of the leader of the revolt, an assumption safely made as stars typically symbolize regal power. Some considered Simon bar Kochba, whose name translates to “Son of the Star” to be the fulfillment of the prophecy made in the Old Testament book of Numbers 24:17 that “There shall come a star out of Jacob, And a scepter shall rise out of Israel.” Rabbi Akiba, spiritual leader of the day, had openly announced, although not without disagreement from his contemporaries, that Simon Bar Kochba was the messiah for whom the nation had been waiting, come to free them from their oppression under the Romans.

Two other coins of the period during which Rome dominated Judaea have come to the numismatic limelight in recent years thanks to the studies of Michael R. Molnar of Rutgers University in Piscataway, New Jersey. Molnar holds a Ph.D. in Astronomy, is a member of the Physics and Astronomy staff at Rutgers, and delves extensively in Astrology and Numismatics as avocations.

Molnar holds that the Christmas Star is depicted on two coins - one issued by Silanus, Legate of Syria AD 11-17; and another by Quadratus, also legate of Syria but later, AD 51-60.

While the dates of issue of the two coins at first may be cause for immediate incredulity, please consider the following - we will first investigate the Christmas star, review a bit of Judaea history, and put the two together astronomically and astrologically.

The Star Of The Magi

Modern theologians agree with astronomers that the Christmas Star, the astronomical phenomenon which the Magi observed and which led them to the birth place of Jesus as described in the New Testament books of Matthew and Luke, was less likely to have been a single conspicuous miraculous stellar event and more likely a subtle arrangement of heavenly bodies significant to astrologers of the day but not noticeable to the general population. As support of this it is noted that even King Herod failed to notice the stellar event that had caught the Magi's attention, and that "Magus" (singular of magi) is synonymous with "astrologer". Herod's astrologers, when quizzed on the matter, admitted their knowledge of the star as a predictor of an impending regal birth in Judaea.

Johannes Keppler, seventeenth century physicist, observed a conjunction of the planets of Jupiter and Saturn, with Mars nearby, in December of 1603, within the bounds of the constellation of Scorpio. He calculated that such an astronomical event occurred about every 805 years, and deduced that a same or similar conjunction had occurred in 7 or 6 BC. This great conjunction of planets was projected to have occurred in the zodiacal constellation of Pisces, the constellation said to be the astrological "house" of Judaea. Keppler projected that a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn had occurred in Pisces in 7 BC, with other planets present, not just once but three times that year - in May, October, and December.

Keppler's projections are supported by two ancient cuneiform text sources; an Egyptian papyrus recording planetary movements from 17 BC to AD 10, and the "Star Almanac" of Sippar, a clay tablet prognosticating planetary movement from 7 BC. A quick look at the skies over Jerusalem in 7 BC using Redshift astronomical software verifies Keppler and the ancient cuneiform records.

Keppler reasoned that the thrice occurring conjunction was the New Testament's Christmas Star. Contemporary astronomers who've researched the issue, and most theologians, agree.

Molnar has a different theory. Molnar's research takes the approach that 1) Judaea is represented by the zodiacal sign Aries, the Ram; and 2) A lunar occultation (not a planetary conjunction) is the consummate astrological event and predictor of a significant birth. Molnar's claims are supported by impressively extensive

research into astrological treatises surviving from ancient times. He agrees that Jupiter is the planet that would be involved in an astrological event predicting a regal birth.

A few words about vocabulary at this point - a conjunction is the passing of two heavenly bodies within close proximity - the light from two planets extremely close together in an ancient sky (free of the electric-light pollution we experience in the 20th century) could be very bright and exciting; an occultation is when one heavenly body passes in front of another, like the moon passing in front of a star in its travel across the sky. "Regal" signifies a great leadership role, not necessarily a king or emperor - the birth of a Messiah outside the family of the reigning monarch would certainly qualify as a regal birth.



*Coin of Silanus, Legate of Syria AD 11-17,
Obverse: Jupiter Reverse: Ram and Star*

Molnar's candidate for the Christmas Star would meet certain criteria - 1) it would occur more than once in a short period to meet the recurrence described in the gospels; 2) it would occur within the time frame described in the New Testament - that is, after Quirinus's census, estimated to have occurred after 8 BC, and before Herod's death, estimated to have occurred in the year we know as 4 BC; and 3) it would involve the moon and Jupiter in an occultation in the constellation of the zodiac symbolizing Judaea, in this case Aries.

Using a computer program to reconstruct the skies within the prescribed time frame, Molnar found lunar occultations of Jupiter on March 20th and April 17th of the year 6 BC, in Aries. This is his Christmas star. He also found lunar occultations of Jupiter in the years 14 AD and 54 AD - during the reigns of the two Syrian Legates whose coins feature the Ram and Star reverse.

The coin of Silanus, Legate of Syria AD 11-17, features on its obverse the profile of the mythical deity Jupiter, and on its reverse a leaping ram like that depictive of Aries, its head turned back looking toward an eight-pointed star - the planet Jupiter.

The bronze coin of Quadratus has the goddess Tyche on its obverse, and on its reverse the leaping ram looking back at a six-pointed star cradled within the points of a crescent moon, certainly signifying an occultation.



Coin of Quadratus, Legate of Syria AD 51-60
Obverse: the goddess Tyche Reverse: Aries, Moon and Star

How can coins issued almost 20 and almost 60 years after the birth of Jesus be said to depict the Christmas Star? (Well, they don't actually depict THE Christmas Star. Nobody living at the time knew it was Christmas!) They depict an astronomical and astrological event concurrent with Jesus's birth, an event which Molnar believes could have been the Christmas Star- an event that occurred again in 14 AD and 54 AD, during the reigns of certain governors of the political state within which the regal birth occurred, Syria, of which Judaea was a part at the time.

The birth and first occultation event occurred during the administration of Quirinus (Cyrenus), governor of Syria in 8, or 6, or 4 BC, who if he had minted coins, and if he had seen or known of the occultation certainly would have depicted it on his coins. That's the connection.

That the stars on the coins of Silanus and Quadratus represent lunar occultations during their administrations can be credibly argued. That a like occultation occurred in 6 BC can be established. That the occultation of Jupiter by the Moon in 6 BC could be the Christmas Star may require a departure from popular and scientific convention, a stretch of the imagination, and perhaps even a bit of - dare we say - faith? to make it work.

Coins & Stars, continued ...

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Numismatists are a Rare Breed, Indeed!

In a Guest Commentary on the editorial page of Coin World for November 25, 1996, Robert Turfboer, a retired psychiatrist from Greenville, North Carolina, makes an interesting observation:

He notes that - and we quote - "only one American in 10,000 is a member of the American Numismatic Association. That is the same population frequency as it is for albinos." He adds that for a woman to become a numismatist is even rarer.

Well, we have no way of confirming or refuting the albino comparison, but we can look at it another way - in that National Football League stadium you'll be looking at on the tube on Super Bowl Sunday with approximately 60,000 rabid football fans in attendance - only six of those people will be coin collectors, if Dr. Turfboer's statistic is correct.

(We did the math - it's really only 1 in 9,285. And, to take it one step further, only 1 in 400,000 are CSNA members!)

CSNA Medals And Their Mintages, 1964 - 1996

DATE	CONVENTION	LOCATION	THEME	BRONZE	SILVER	OTHER
1964	35th	Disneyland	Disneyland	4500	50	500 Nickel Silver
1965	36th	San Francisco	None struck			
1965	37th	San Diego	Cabrillo Monument	2500	100	
1966	38th	Fresno	Yosemite Falls	2300	100	200 Nickel Silver
1966	39th	Riverside	Arrowhead	2000	100	
1967	40th	Sacramento	Sutter's Fort	2000	50	
1967	41st	Disneyland	Orange County	2225	100	
1968	42nd	San Francisco	Cable Car	2050	75	
1968	43rd	Los Angeles	City Hall	2500	100	
1969	44th	Palo Alto	The Tall Tree	2000	75	
1969	45th	San Diego	200th Anniv.	2550	90	
1970	46th	Sacramento	State Capitol	1500	85	800 Copper
1970	47th	Los Angeles	Monroe Doctrine 50¢	2075	100	500 Ox. Bronze
1971	48th	Fresno	History Instr. Youth	2600	125	700 Ox. Bronze
1971	49th	Santa Monica	Covered Wagon	1500	100	
1972	50th	San Francisco	Home of the "S" Mint	none	150	2150 OxBr/518 NiSlvr
1972	51st	Los Angeles	Grizzly Bear	1675	100	300 Ox. Bronze
1973	52nd	Oakland	Horse Car to BART	1836	150	200 Ox. Bronze
1973	53rd	Anaheim	Disneyland	2050	100	200 Ox. Bronze
1973	Special	San Francisco	Old Mint Museum	2300	252	Round \$50 Gold Size
1974	Special	San Francisco	Old MintBi centennial (Error)	1300	260	Octagonal \$50 Size
1974	Special	San Francisco	Old Mint Centennial	800	100	Octagonal \$50 Size
1974	54th	Sacramento	California Great Seal	1650	100	300 Ox. Bronze
1974	55th	San Diego	San Diego Commem 50¢	1750	100	300 Ox. Bronze
1975	56th	San Francisco	Golden Gate Bridge	1800	100	80 OxBr, 125 Alum.Anod.
1975	57th	Pasadena	Rose & Crown	2250	110	125 Aluminum
1976	58th	Fresno	Bicentennial Coins	2050	175	600 Zinc
1976	59th	Disneyland	New \$2 Bank Note	2250	125	350 Copper
1977	60th	San Francisco	Old SF Mint	1850	125	100 Ox. Bronze
1977	61st	Pasadena	Orchard King	1535	110	100 Ox. Bronze
1978	62nd	San Francisco	California Gold	1350	110	100 Ox. Bronze
1978	63rd	Los Angeles	El Camino Real	1770	103	
1979	64th	San Francisco	Old Ironsides	1650	111	
1979	65th	Anaheim	US \$1 Types	1810	127	
1980	66th	San Francisco	1980 Olympics	1895	103	
1980	67th	San Diego	Star of India	2000	111	

1982	70th	San Francisco	End of the Trail	2250	140
1982	71st	Anaheim	Ride the Big Red Car	2200	185
1983	72nd	San Francisco	Pigeon Pt. Lighthouse	2400	150
1983	73rd	Anaheim	Space Shuttle	2000	200
1984	74th	San Francisco	Eagles	2000	200
1984	75th	Anaheim	Lincoln Cent 1909-84	1800	200
1985	76th	San Jose	1st Capitol	2000	300
1985	77th	San Diego	Tall Ship	1600	200
1985	Special		Statue of Liberty	500	240
1986	78TH	San Francisco	George Washington	1700	250
1986	79th	Los Angeles	Denver Mint	1500	225
1987	80th	San Francisco	Bridge to the Past	1000	250
1987	81st	Ontario	Western Heritage	1350	200
1988	82nd	San Jose	Transportation	2000	300
1988	83rd	Ontario	Thomas Jefferson	1000	200
1989	84th	San Mateo	Locomotive	650	175
1990	86th	Pasadena	GSCS 4 Logos	600	175
1990	87th	San Jose	4 Coins	1102	175
1991	88th	Pasadena	Colorado Street Bridge	202	150
1991	89th	Fresno	City Hall	362	160
1992	90th	Pasadena	Columbus-GSCS	202	160
1993	91st	San Jose	Bicentennial	170	160
1993	92nd	Los Angeles	LAX-GSCS	170	160
1994	93rd	San Jose	Island of California	170	140
1994	94th	Los Angeles	Pleistocene Mammoth	182	150
1995	95th	San Jose	Film Reel	183	143
1995	Special	American Numismatic Association in Anaheim		275	200
1995	96th	Burbank	Historic West Coast by Rail	173	140
1996	97th	San Jose	Chinese Build Railroads	191	145
1996	98th	Pasadena	Angels Flight	239	151
					100 Silver w/diamond
					100 Ox. Bronze
					100 Ox. Bronze
					200 Ox. Bronze
					225 Ox. Bronze
					250 Ox. Bronze
					200 Ox. Bronze
					300 Ox. Bronze
					200 Ox. Bronze
					177 OB, 104 AI, 102 Gold
					225 Ox. Bronze
					302 Ox. Bronze
					162 Ox. Bronze
					212 Ox. Bronze
					202 Ox. Bronze
					170 Ox. Bronze
					170 Ox. Bronze
					195 Ox. Bronze
					166 Ox. Bronze
					168 Ox. Bronze
					275 Ox. Bronze
					157 OB, 50 Alum.
					175 OB, 50 Alum.
					183 OB, 53 Alum.

Pull out or Photocopy this chart of CSNA medals, issue dates, metals and quantities minted, and keep it with your CSNA medals collection for your reference.

Special Thanks to Joyce Kuntz, CSNA Historian and Convention Medals Coordinator, for compiling the list!

The Way It Was

by Virginia M. Hall

The 34th Semi-Annual Convention of the California State Numismatic Association was held April 16-19, 1964, at the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley. Don Thrall was the General Chairman.

It is often said that the third time is the charm, but this was the fourth time for the East Bay Coin Club to be host. It was a GEM! Registration numbered more than 1200; 125 attended the banquet.

THE FAITHFUL FOUR... the race was scheduled, the gates were opened, and away they went with all four contestants crossing the finish line in a quadruple heat. Special ribbons were provided for Irving and Mattie Knickerbocker, Lou Panosh, and Roy Hill, who now have attended all 34 conventions. How's that for loyalty!?

Sergeant-at-Arms Rudy Gjurkovich, better known as "King of the Koin Collectors" was on hand wearing his famous money suit. Visiting the Bay Area at the time was Kenneth Bresset of the Whitman Publishing Company. (Ken is now President of the American Numismatic association.)

Thirty-four exhibitors used 91 cases in 54 separate exhibits. William O. Wisslead showed his Historian's Display and Curator Bryan Burke filled three cases with an exhibit of recent donations to the California Collection. Best In Show award went to Art Lovi for an impressive array of Type Sets of U. S. Currency. Mr. Lovi brought his exhibit all the way from Florida.

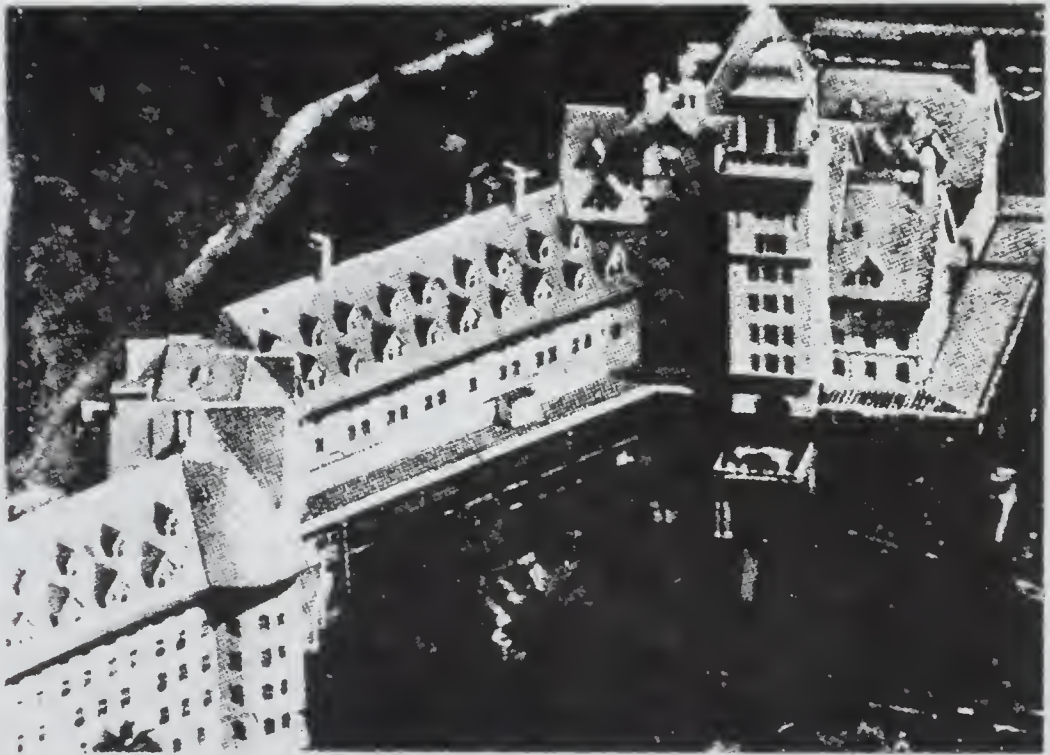
The sparsely attended Friday Night Forum presented two great speakers: Stephen Album on the Tokens of Alameda County stating that some merchants had used them as late as 1950. William Weber told of collecting U. S. Half Cents, and about some of the problems the Mint encountered in the late 1700's. Also the fact that the cents of 1802 were struck from planchets of mis-struck large cents and that often the design of the previous coin could be seen on them. A. W. Ritchie served as the Moderator.

Seventy-three dealers were in attendance at the two-room convention hall. Outside of California, dealers came from Washington, Texas, Colorado, and Utah.

On Thursday the ladies enjoyed an informal coffee time. Most of the ladies eagerly looked forward to the second day of the convention and an hour of fun with handwriting analyst, Mrs. Rita L. Larson. On Saturday they attended a flower arrangement

demonstration presented by Mrs. Elsie Kano, co-owner of Adachi Florist and Nursery.

The banquet was opened by Master of Ceremonies Clifford L. Liss and dedicated to the memory of Earl A. Parker who had passed away on February 7, 1964. Charles Kappen announced that CSNA was the oldest regional association west of the Mississippi River. Herbert Bergen presented the Medal of Merit to Ralph "Curly" Mitchell. It was reported that when pictures were being taken of the presentation, two different flash cameras failed. 'Hope they had another back-up!



*The Hotel Claremont in Berkeley
Site of the 34th CSNA Convention, April 16-19, 1964*

After those at the Sunday morning breakfast settled back with their second or third cup of coffee, Robert G. McArthur opened a discussion on the topic of "cooperation." Charles Johnson told of the American Numismatic Association organization and the advantages of its library and visual aid department. Herbert Bergen discussed the problems of grass-roots clubs and the cooperation with regional and national groups.

The result of all the above -- another successful CSNA convention!

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North of the Tehachapis

by Al Lo, Assistant Editor



As I am writing this, my thoughts are of the delicious turkey and all the other goodies that I'll be having for Thanksgiving in a couple of days. By the time you read this I'll be thinking again of all the good food and desert that I'll be having for Christmas. But besides food, I am also thinking of the things I'm thankful for - A healthy life, a wonderful family, good friends, and an enjoyable hobby. I'm thankful for the fun, knowledge, camaraderie and satisfaction that this hobby has brought me. Also THANK YOU to all the people who are reading this who help make this avocation one that will last a lifetime! Happy Holidays! I hope to see you at our CSNA convention in San Jose in January. - Al

FROM NAPA WITH....

I met newsletter Editor EDWARD WARD of the NAPA VALLEY COIN CLUB at the Cupertino Coin Club Show and am happy to now receive his newsletters. The Napa Valley Coin Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Hall, Randolph and Pearl Streets, in Napa starting at 7:30 PM.

A recent display was long time member HORACE MOORE's two 1847-O \$5 gold half eagles which are rare and "prohibitively rare above EF". Only 28 - 30 are known to exist. Horace gave an informative talk about these rare New Orleans minted coins. At the October meeting, DR. LONSDALE discussed, "To clean or not to clean, aye, that's the rub" and displayed a Hawaiian dollar brought back from obscurity.

BOY WAS IT BRIGHT!!!

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB Treasurer HELEN ROBERTS celebrated her 75th birthday at its September meeting. A BIG cake with many candles was given to Helen. Some joker put trick candles on the cake and almost burned the cake down but a little tanning around the edge made it more valuable and special. LEE GONG wrote about the ANA Convention - "you have to do it because boy it's pretty cool. Here's a list of some of the many activities you will encounter: banquets, awards, member appreciation day, educational programs, city tours, exhibits, world mints, world series of numismatic symposiums, seminars, numismatic theaters, auctions and much more. If you have time left over, you can go down to the bourse floor."

THE DEVIL MADE HER DO IT...

The CUPERTINO COIN CLUB enjoyed it's annual Septemberfest with Togo sandwiches, chips, potato salad, punch, cake, and Life Member Katherine Ray's "world famous" deviled eggs. Twelve new "Life Members" were welcomed at

its Annual Awards Banquet in October. Also in October, "Youth Night" found eleven of the club's young numismatists speaking about "My Favorite Coin".

EDIBLE MPC's

It's HOT in Stockton during the summer but DELTA COIN CLUB's meetings were well attended with many members participating in "Show & Tell". The club celebrated the 50th anniversary of Military Payment Certificates with a talk and exhibit of MPC's by noted expert, KEVIN MALLOY. An almost "too good to eat" cake, decorated as an MPC, was never-the-less enjoyed by all. DCC is trying to be the first Coin Club in Northern California wherein every member has sold at least one book of raffle tickets to the club's annual show. The show was in October and I'm waiting to hear if it's goal was reached.

START THEM YOUNG...

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB (SCCC) has a good youth program as attested by the President's comment, NEVEEN SADIK (age 8) gave one of the best show and tell presentations we have ever had by a Junior member. September's Other Hobbies Night found 2 live animals, a geological display, bottles, cars, stamps, and medals among the 15 exhibitors. For train buffs, the 1997 SCCC medal will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Sierra Railroad and have a nice looking train on the obverse.

LET'S STAY IN FAIRFIELD!

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB's 7th Annual Coin Show was finally held in Fairfield and was its best show to date. The 8th Annual Show will definitely be held in the same Community Center. Winning exhibitors were: President's Trophy - JEFF SHEVLIN's "The Reverse of the Morgan Dollar", People's Choice Trophy - GORDON DONNELL's "Depression-era Wooden Money", and Ostromecki Trophy - MICHAEL TURRINI's "Iowa Half Dollar".

IF YOU THINK THAT'S GOOD, WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE MINE!

The SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB is trying to decide the theme of its 1997 silver round. Latest word is a medal commemorating the 1997 Bicentennial of the USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides". Formal announcement is forthcoming. Editor JAN HENKE wrote about "Topical Collections" in his October "Silver Notes" and mentioned that he started a "San Francisco Cable Car" collection. Jan said he found 12 medals in no time at all and was so proud of himself until a friend showed HIS collection of 60-80 medals. Just goes to show what you can find if you look hard enough!!

TREASURE OR ???

The FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY's annual White Elephant Sale showed that "Just as one man's meat is another man's poison, one man's junk is another's treasure". All lots found new homes!! FNS shares its 1996 50th anniversary with the Roosevelt dime, now also in circulation for 50 years. FNS is issuing a 50th anniversary silver and gold-plated copper medal set with President Franklin Roosevelt's portrait on it.

GOLD FOR CHARLEY!!!

Congratulations to Life Member CHARLES KAPPEN of the SAN JOSE COIN CLUB who received his gold medal and lapel pin commemorating his 50 year membership in the ANA. Members were allowed to SEE and HOLD them at the September meeting. At that meeting, JON JENCK explained how error coins

were minted and where and how to find them. A SUPER Auction was held in October and many high quality, hard to find coins and club medals found new owners.

GOIN', GOIN', GONE...

The LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY's Fantastic Annual October Book Sale lived up to its reputation and many hard to find books changed hands. Also winning the Gold were CHUCK WHITE's "Olympic Medals" program in August and STU DENTON's "U.S. Fractional Currency" talk at the September meeting.

WHITE ELEPHANTS FOR US....

The SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB was fortunate to have the following speakers at its recent meetings: "Canada Night" with MIKE TURRINI who gave a lesson in Canadian politics and geography and HANS HANSSON's "Paper Money" which covered U.S. Money. With MIKE STANLEY's expertise in conducting and officiating an auction, the Annual White Elephant Sale to benefit the club raised \$98.50.

BUY LATER, SAVE MONEY...

The PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY's 965th consecutive meeting found CHUCK WHITE showing an interesting and extensive display of coins commemorating the Olympic Games as well as displaying an extensive knowledge of the history of the games. His inside tip was, save money by buying two years after the coins are released. The following meeting found MARK CLARK speaking on Philippines Numismatics and giving a free sample to all in attendance. MARIAN SINTON traced the interesting history of ways that some countries have used other countries' money for their own coinage since the 17th century via counter-stamping and overstriking.

SO-O-O INTERESTING!!!

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB's (SVCC), MERLE COOVER wrote a very interesting and informative 2 part article titled "The Fascinating History of Mexico and Its Money" which began in the August issue of the SVCC Newsletter and concluded in the October issue. AL BLYTHE was the October speaker on "Seated Half Dimes, The Tough, The Rare, The Unusual".

LET'S DISCUSS...

PENINSULA COIN CLUB's Editor FRED VAN DEN HAAK reports that meetings have a "Discussion Theme" and a "Show & Tell Theme" at each meeting. Recent discussion themes were, "Modern Commemorative Coinage - Too Many?, Too Expensive?", "Should A New \$2 Bill Be Issued?", and "How To Care For Your Numismatic Library".

AND THE WINNERS WERE....

The LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB's bulletin announced that member CHUCK WHITE won a First Place award at the ANA Convention in Denver. Chuck also won exhibit prizes at the Sacramento and Cupertino coin shows. GORDON DONNELL also won prizes at the latter 2 shows. Recent meeting programs have featured a Mercury Dime grading seminar, Error coins, and a "Dogs of Dogs Night" featuring contestants' ugliest coins.

A BIG HAND FOR....

JOYCE HARNER and JOHN HOFFMAN were presented special medals for services rendered to the GATEWAY COIN CLUB. Editor FRANK FROHMAN has a

new job in the Bay Area and is unable to attend meetings and produce the newsletter with his nephew BRUCE FROHMAN.

Their newsletters were always informative and interesting and I'll miss them. Thanks guys!! A transition newsletter was received in November. Best wishes to the new editor!

AUTOGRAPHS ANYONE???

FREMONT COIN CLUB heard LARRY OLIVERIA speak on Ancient Coins at it August meeting. Larry showed slides followed by a discussion of publications available for research. Junior actors/actresses made their television debuts in a Coin Show television program developed by MATT TUTER. The coming out party was at the club's October 8th meeting. All junior participants received copies of this Great Presentation to take home and WOW their parents and friends.

WHO NEEDS AN EXCUSE?

The DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY's 36th Anniversary Dinner was held on September 18. Editor MICHAEL TURRINI wrote, "It is intended that our Society hold an Anniversary Dinner each September, and all members, and their guests, are warmly welcomed to attend and to enjoy this festive gathering. Please note: technically, the Society's Anniversary is in March; but, who cares? A Party Is A Party! Attend and Enjoy!" Michael, I LIKE your kind of thinking!!

1997 OR 1998...

The ALAMEDA COIN CLUB did not have a Coin Show this year but are in discussions with NCNA and the San Francisco Coin Club to possibly have a joint show in late 1997 or early 1998. A White Elephant Sale was held in October to benefit the club.

SOUTH OF THE TEHACHAS

by Harold Katzman, Assistant Editor



THE PHIL IVERSEN SHOW

The August meeting of the BAY CITIES COIN CLUB saw PHIL IVERSEN present a program titled "Name that Commemorative." Phil projected close-up slides of details of various coins and the membership had to guess the coin. Phil also gave the September program "A Recap of the 1996 ANA Show & Convention in Denver". MAX WEDERTZ shared some of his 50 years of coin collecting at the October meeting. November's meeting was on Veterans Day so the members had a Veterans Day Show & Tell.

FAT TUESDAY -

Dr. DeWHAYNE GALLUPS related "The History of Mardi Gras" at the August meeting of the COVINA COIN CLUB. Dr. Gallups has over 295 Mardi Gas silver

doubloons in his collection. ETHEL LENHERT spoke on "Crowns of the World From A to Z" in September. FRANK DeLEON discussed "Pre-Columbian Designs on Mexican Coins" for the October gathering.

BO KNOWS NICKELS -

"Hobo Nickels", a slide program prepared by expert and author Bill Fivaz was the program at the September CULVER CITY COIN CLUB meeting. The best known and most skillful Hobo Nickel carver was that gentleman of the rails George Washington Hughes, alias "BO". Many hobo nickels were cut by individuals on the prison chain gangs in the South. It was "Other Hobbies" in October, and Dr. WALTER OSTROMECKI in November with the "Mercury Dime Series."

THE "OTHER" NIGHT -

The DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS did COINO in August with Mr. Coino himself PAUL BORACK officiating. Other Hobbies were (was?) the September topic.

YOUR FAVORITE NUMISMATIC ITEM?

Those real FUN guys - THE FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS - had their Semi-Annual Super Auction Night in August with more than 100 lots on the block. HAROLD KATZMAN discussed "My 10 Favorite Numismatic Items" for the September meeting program. Among his favorites are a 1950-D Nickel, an autographed Garrett Collection book, and a 1922 No-D Cent in AU-55. October was Annual Display Night. This "Peoples Choice Award" is awarded annually by vote of those in attendance and is presented at the December meeting. "Women of the Treasury Department" was Dr. WALTER OSTROMECKI's topic at the November meet.

THE C C MINT -

GARDEN GROVE COIN CLUB sold White Elephants in September and raised some funds - needed now more than ever since the bank where they meet has decided to charge them rent for the room. ROY IWATA brought a Carson City Mint video for viewing at the October program.

CAMPAIGN FOR BUTTONS

TOM REDMOND discussed "Coins of Newfoundland" for the GLENDALE COIN CLUB in August. The ANA video "Money - History in Your Hands" was the program the following month.

Political campaign buttons were the topic covered by DAVID G. MASEREDGIAN in October. Pin-backed buttons were widely used for the first time in the campaign of Andrew Jackson (1824). The first photo-buttons appeared in 1860. 1896 to 1916 is the "Golden Age" of political and non-political buttons. Some rare buttons reach the \$1000 range in price!

WHO AM I?

HEMET NUMISMATISTS saw the video "Collecting Modern U. S. Paper Money" at its August meeting. September's program was "Name That Coin" - the show where members guess the coin from the photographic close-up clue. The club raised over \$75 in a White Elephant Sale in October. with KAY LENKER brought "Maria Theresa Thalers" for the November meeting.

HOUDINI MEDAL - NOW YOU SEE IT - NOW YOU DON'T!!

The ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES marked its 20th Anniversary at their September meeting. Formerly INSLA, now INSLA/ICCLA

since merging with the Israel Coin Club of L.A. - they enjoyed MEL WACKS' program "Houdini - Trick or Treat" in October. Mr. Wacks introduced the club to the galvanos of the soon-to-be-released Harry Houdini medal for the Jewish Hall of Fame. DONNA SIMS presented November's program.

ON THE MOVE, AGAIN

MIKE VANYUR brought the "Standing Liberty Quarters" slide show for the August meeting of the LONG BEACH COIN CLUB. The September meeting fell on Labor Day, so was canceled. The October meeting was at their new location - the Masonic Temple at 3610 Locust Ave. The program was "Show & Tell". In November they viewed the video "Collecting US Paper Money." ARNOLD COWAN was honored for his many years of dedicated service with a Life Membership by an appreciative membership.

CITY OF COMMERCE - NUMISMATIC BERMUDA TRIANGLE?

MIKE MOLINE was on his way to the September meeting of the LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB to present "The Numismatic Coin Market - Questions and Answers when the life forces were sucked out of his car as he passed through the City of Commerce enroute. WALTER OSTROMECKI covered with a back-up program - a Bill Fivaz Slide show. Mike vows to return with the program, but will detour Commerce. In October G. LEE KUNTZ showed a film of the 1958 ANA Convention in Los Angeles. Lee narrated, as the film was without a sound track. (No - young-uns, they didn't have video in 1958. They were "home movies" and without sound. End of history lesson.) JEFF OXMAN discussed "Morgan Silver dollars" for the club in November.

TWO IN ONE, TWICE THE FUN -

"Standing Liberty Quarters" are MIKE VANYUR's collecting specialty and were the topic of his slide show program for the ORANGE COAST COIN CLUB in September. JEFF STAHL debuted a new program in October - "Alexander Hamilton; Architect of the Treasury, and His Detractors." In November GARY BEEDON brought out another new program "The Gallery Mint" including slides and some samples of the tokens produced there.

The club voted on merging with the GARDEN GROVE COIN CLUB. Both clubs meet at the same location but on different dates. With rents escalating it was felt that a merger might be in the best interest of both clubs. A new name and meeting dates are yet to be decided.

FOREIGN LEGAL COINAGE -

The ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB had FRANK DeLEON present an excellent program entitled "United States Legal Coinage Until 1867." Frank has been collecting such coinage for quite a while.

BACK TO WORK

The REDLANDS COIN CLUB has resumed meeting after having taken the summer off. At the September meeting those members who had attended the ANA Convention recounted their experiences. October's program was a numismatic quiz hosted by Greg Reynolds. November's topic was "Large Cents" by GEORGE MOUHTOURIS.

Charter member HELEN WALSH, who had celebrated her 100th birthday in August, passed on in October. She'll be remembered, and missed, by all her RCC friends.

MORE OTHER HOBBIES

Ceramic Clocks and Paint Can Openers were some of the more exotic pursuits confessed during Other Hobbies night at the August meeting of the SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB. ETHEL LENHERT brought "Crowns of the World from A to Z" for September. The Super Auction captured everyone's attention in October. More than 150 lots went up for bid - the rarest on the board was a 1916-D Mercury Dime in VG. Dr. DeWHAYNE GALLUPS educated the club on the "History of Mardi Gras" in November. The club's Annual Coin and Collectibles Show is January 5th, after which they'll retreat and recuperate at their annual banquet on Sunday the 12th.

Contributions to the
CSNA Memorial Education Fund
in honor of the memory of
William O. Wisslead

have been received from
Albert & Dorothy Baber, Angus E. Bruce, Thelma
Case, Dale & Shirley Hewlett,
Phillip Iversen, Helen M. Jones,
Marlin & Ethel Lenhert, Kay Lenker,
Marian Sinton, and the
San Bernardino County Coin Club

Donations were received from Kay Lenker
to honor and continue the memory of

Joseph Garside
Jim Heine
Francis Jones
and
Helen Walsh

TOKENS, TOKENS, TOKENS

The August meeting of the SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY had KAY LENKER narrate a slide program titled "The American Game Token." LARRY BABER followed up in September with "LDS Welfare Tokens". In November it was Kay again with "A Numismatic Quiz" and tokens again in November with NORMA JEAN KING and "Checks, Chips, and Tokens Tokens Tokens."

BOURSE ANYONE?

SANTA BARBARA COIN CLUB saw the ANA video "Money, History in Your Hands" as their August program. September was the annual "Bourse Night." Each member set up his own table or coins and collectables and was a dealer for a day. October was Show & Tell night.

THERE'S GOLD IN THEM THERE SANDS ...

FRANK CARTER spoke to VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB in August about "How to Get Young People Interested in Coin Collecting." Frank owns a local coin store. WALTER OSTROMECKI presented "Name that Coin" in September. When the scheduled speaker was unable to attend the October meeting, JEFF KLEMZAK backed 'em up with "Gold Mining in Alaska." Jeff demonstrated panning and brought some gold-bearing sand from Alaska.

COIN SHOW ATTRACTS 140,000

TOM REDMOND talked about "Canadian Coins" at WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB's August meeting. It was PHIL IVERSEN in September with "the 1996 Denver ANA Convention." The club's annual show in October drew 200 people and a profit of \$1400. In November FRED WEINBERG, a San Fernando Valley coin dealer told about the "First Coin Show in China." More than 140,000 people attended that show. That's more than have attended the last 10 ANA Shows!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ...

"Crowns of the World" was DON FOSTER's program at the UPLAND COIN CLUB meeting in August. The club celebrated its birthday in September with dinner at the Old Country Buffet. Each of the Past Presidents present presented some memories of their administrations. OLLIE HICKMAN, a founding member and their 2nd President, told several interesting stories of the club's early days. Orange County coin dealer BILL PANNIER told "Tales of Numismatics" in October. The club has chosen a name for its bulletin - "Upland Coin Talk" - submitted by VIRGINIA HALL. THELMA KATZMAN's design was the choice for their new logo. "Other Hobbies" was November's program theme.

WHO IS TITO RAEL, REALLY? ...

EWELL GUNTHER told WHITTIER COIN CLUB about his latest venture - making PNC's and having them autographed by famous individuals. His latest is an Olympic PNC signed by Dan O'Brien. The club celebrated an anniversary in September with dinner at the Old Country Harvest Buffet. Former bulletin editor ESTHER BROMBERG was among the 22 in attendance. JESSE AYALA talked about Tito Rael, the retired Public Affairs specialist for the Denver Mint for over 33 years, in October. Jesse also showed a video about the Denver Mint. November's program was a video "The Secrets of Making Money." The club is looking for a new place to meet since their rent at their current location is draining the treasury.

The Secretary's Report

Ethel Lenhert, CSNA Corresponding Secretary

August 16 through November 20, 1996

NEW MEMBERS

- J-5757 Alan Sass
8623 Norwich Ave., North Hills, CA 91343
Sponsored by the Secretary
- R-5758 Al Pinkall, Gold Rarities Gallery
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- J-5759 Betsy Jeffery
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- R-5760 Swets Subscription Service
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Sponsored by the Secretary
- R-5761 Jose Benitez Martinez, Jr.
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- R-5762 Stephen Mizroch, MD
Sponsored by Rus Stolling

DROPPED - ADDRESS UNKNOWN

- LM 1-30 Elliott Markoff
LM 15-1 Ellen D. Gilruth
LM 33-7 Casey Noxon
LM 34-2 Daniel C. Clay
LM 35-2 Gene, C. Neel
LM 35-6 David A. Carter
LM 42-1 Iraj, Sayah

(We ask CSNA Members having information on these members, to please advise the Corresponding Secretary, P.O. Box 1746, Upland, CA 91785)

RESIGNED

R-3483 Benjamin C. Allin
A-1091 Lillian M. Hooker
R-2460 Lyn F. Knight
A-5307 Mary LePore
R-5207 Dan Lisuk
R-1726 R. L. Martin
A-5240 Sarah Ross

DECEASED

LM 35-9 Ray Guarasci
R-5488 W. R. Pattison

CONVERTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

R-5603 to LM 48-1 James E. Shaw
R-1559 to LM 19-4 Marlin D. Lenhert
R-1564 to LM 19-5 Ethel M. Lenhert

SUMMARY

Membership on August 16, 1996.....	695
New Members, August 16 through November 20, 1996	6
Deceased	2
Resigned.....	7
Addresses Unknown, Dropped.....	7
Convert to Life Membership.....	3
Membership total as of November 20	685
Total Individual Life Members	118
Total Club Life Members	11

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PAST EDITOR CHECKS IN -

Many CSNA members have been around long enough to remember when Charles Kappen was Calcoin News Editor. He was our first editor, as a matter of fact. He's still active in the San Jose Club, and others.

Having already written six authoritative volumes in his numismatic career, Mr. Kappen is at work on his *next* book - California Token Supplement. He's finished the body of the text, he says in a recent letter, and work is in progress on the index. Next - the photography, which could add another year to the project.

He writes us now and then, and we're glad he does. Mr. Kappen gives us all a lot to look forward to - he turned 86 last May. Look for him at the San Jose convention and meet a CSNA legend.

CALIFORNIA NUMISMATISTS IN NEVADA -

Al and Virginia Hall may have moved out of state - but they're still California Numismatists in our book.

As you'll recall, if you've been in CSNA for a while, Virginia was Calcoin News Editor for a long time. Well, she's back in the Editor business with the club in her new home town of Las Vegas, Nevada. Al's not sitting still, either. He's the club President.

Virginia has returned to the pages of Calcoin news with a column called The Way It Was. Read it and reminisce with us as CSNA begins a celebration of our Fiftieth Anniversary!

CSNA MEDALS FOR SALE -

Dennis Lotspeich of the Solano Silver Round Club has sent us a list of CSNA medals, all in Silver, that he has for sale. His list itemizes 52 medals in all - almost the complete series from 1966 through 1987, plus conventions 81 through 97. He has multiples of some, only one of others. If you're trying to fill some holes in your set, don't hesitate. Get a copy of the list from him at P.O. Box 2725, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

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The reverse of the medal depicts the "draped bust" design used on the 1796 dimes and quarters and the inscription COMMEMORATING THE FIRST ISSUE OF DIME AND QUARTER. Beneath the 1796 date is the dual date "1796-1996" The obverse of the medal is the club's Liberty Bell logo.

LNS member and past V.P. Nevio Andreatta designed the 39mm medal, available in oxidized bronze and in .999 fine silver. The silver medal is rendered in frosted cameo relief.

This medal is in a true limited edition - only 75 were struck in each metal! The silver medals are numbered and available at only \$22.00 each, postpaid. The bronze issue will cost you \$4.50, postpaid. Send check or money order to LNS, P. O. Box 813, Pacifica, CA 94044.



Liberty Numismatic Society 1996 Medal

FROM ACROSS THE CONTINENT -

We include this item as a service to CSNA collectors of elongated coins - Doug Fairbanks, Sr., is a collector of elongates in New York state, a member of TAMS, and a reader of this magazine. He's sent us an interestingly illustrated flyer requesting that CSNA members with elongates to sell or trade send him descriptions and prices. Also, he may have some that coins that might interest *you*!

To get his flyer, write to him at 5937 Beadle Drive, Jamesville, NY 13078, or call (315) 469-4682.

An Auction of Memorabilia from the **CSNA ARCHIVE**

The California State Numismatic Association announces the auction of 300 lots at the 99th CSNA Convention in San Jose, at 6:30 PM Friday, January 17th 1997.

Artifacts to be sold from the CSNA archive include numismatic, philatelic, and other non-numismatic items, exonomia from the San Francisco Panama Pacific Exposition of 1915, the 1935 fair in San Diego, the 1939 fair in San Francisco, as well as other fairs and expositions, BPOE (Elks) badges, and tokens of a wide variety.

Also offered will be a number of CSNA medals, many in off-metals, and first-day covers containing CSNA medals.

The auction will be open *only to members* of the California State Numismatic Association. In order to be eligible to bid, please be sure that your membership is current at the time of the auction.

A catalogue of items to be auctioned will be mailed to CSNA members on the active roster as of October 15, 1996. Bids entered by mail must be received not later than January 15th, 1997.

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CSNA 99th Annual Convention & San Jose Coin Club Show

Parkside Convention Center (Old San Jose Convention Center)

Park Avenue & Market Street, San Jose, CA

Friday & Saturday 10 to 7, Sunday 10 to 4

Info: Joel Anderson, 209-722-5426 or E-mail to JCoins@aol.com

March 15th, 1997

CSNA 28th Annual Educational Symposium

Days Inn, Freeway 91 and Raymond Avenue, Fullerton, CA

Chairman: Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, P.O. Box 350, Glendora, CA 91740

July 19th & 20th, 1997

CSNA 100th Convention

Miramar Resort Hotel

1555 South Jameson Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93108

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August 30 & 31, 1997

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Pasadena Convention Center

300 Green Street, Pasadena, CA

MEMBER CLUB SHOWS & EVENTS

January 5, 1997

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34th Annual Coin & Collectable Show

National Orange Show Events Center, Citrus Bldg., Gate 8

South Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino, CA

Sunday Only, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Admission \$1.

Info: Bill Grant, P. O. Box 295, Patton, CA 92369

1-909-864-7617, E-mail MESARED@aol.com

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June 29, 1997 (New Rescheduled Date)

Vallejo Numismatic Society

25th Silver Jubilee Coin Show

Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park

Tuolumne Street at End North Camino Alto, Vallejo, CA

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